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For the Administrator's meeting with West Virginia Governor Earl Ray Tomblin on Saturday, February 21, 2014, Region III is offering the following Hot Topics.

**\* Freedom Industries chemical spill (Jan 9)** - - The Region 3 Lab is providing analytical and technical support to remediation and eventual dismanteling of the Freedom Industries site. Responding to a public confidence crisis, the state is standing up its own residential testing program using independent contractors.

**\* Patriot Coal slurry spill (Feb 11)** - - West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection has indicated the spill was the result of a valve failure and they have the situation under control, clean up efforts began quickly, and the state does not require EPA assistance at this time.

- **\* Buffalo Mtn/King Coal Highway** - - Adverse Rating: In June 2012, Region 3 provided an adverse rating of the King Coal Highway/Buffalo Mountain Draft EIS. The Region is coordinating with FHWA and the CORPS and anticipates reviewing the final SEIS in early Spring 2014.